Investment made in industrially backward area

644. SHRI T. R. BALU :
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Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the criteria adopted at present for declaring an area as industrially backward ;

(b) which are the areas in each State which have been declared as industrially backward so far ;

(c) what special incentives are being offered by Government to set up industries in backward areas ; and

(d) how much investment has been made in industrially backward areas during the last three years so far, yearwise and Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The criteria laid down for declaring district as backward was per capita food grains/commercial crops production depending on whether the district is predominantly a producer of foodgrains/cash crops ; Ratio or population to agricultural workers ; Per Capita industrial output ; Number of factory employees per lakh population or alternatively number of persons engaged in secondary and tertiary activities per lakh of population ; Per capita consumption of electricity; Length of surfaced roads in relation to population or railway mileage in relation to population. Districts having no large or medium scale industry as per District Industries Centre Action Plans 1979-80 were identified as 'No Industry Districts'. With effect from 1-4-1983, Industrially Backward Districts were re-classified into 3 categories viz. A, B,& C. The names and numbers of such districts are given in the booklet "Incentives for Industries in Backward Areas", copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) The following incentives are available to industries set up in backward areas :—

1. Concessional Finance.

2. Concessions under the Income-Tax Act.

3. Priority in licensing.

4. Exemption from licensing upto Rs. 50 crores in respect of a number of industries subject to locational guidelines.

5. Lower export obligation for non-Appendix-I non-reserved items if taken up by MRTP/FERA companies.

The Central Investment Subsidy which was a feature of the scheme for industrialisation of backward areas was available upto 30th September, 1988.

(d) Information not maintained centrally.

Refund of the excess amount charged for F-305 Matador pick-up vans

645. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1421 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th May, 1989 and state :

(a) what is the number of purchasers of F-305 Matador pick-up vans who have since been refunded the excess amount of Rs. 10,015.57 charged by the Company;

(b) if the excess amount has not yet been refunded by the Company what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to issue necessary orders to